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THE Letters from *Zolkiew* of the 14th Instant, inform us, that a great Council of War, at which were present the King of *Poland*, 24 Senators, and the General Officers of the Army, had been held there, that it begun the 2d and ended the 6th of this Month; and that pursuant to the Resolutions there taken, Orders had been given concerning the Recruits, the raising several new Regiments, the preparing a good Train of Artillery, and the providing Magazines for the subsistence of the Forces of the Crown, which it's intended shall take the Field towards the latter end of *April*, or in the beginning of *May* at farthest; And the general opinion is, that they will begin the Campagne with the Siege of *Caminiec*. These Letters add, That the Pope has by his Nuncio at that Court promised the King a supply of 500000 Florins to be employed in the preparations for the next Campagne, and to provide besides Cloaths for 6000 Foot Soldiers. And that the King had given the Archbishoprick of *Gnesna*, to the Sieur *Wiskowiski* Bishop of *Posnen*. They write from *Grodno*, that the Ambassadors of this Crown were arrived there, and that they would in few days continue their Journey towards *Mosco*, with a very magnificent Equipage. We are told from *Lemburgh*, That an Envoy was arrived there from *Tartary*, being sent, as he reported, to offer the Cham's Mediation for the making a Peace between the Crown of *Poland* and the *Port*, but that he was lookt upon but as a Spy, and was therefore very strictly observed. The *Cossacks* have frequent Rencounters with the *Tartars*; They have lately, it's said, defeated a considerable Party of them, and taken four pieces of Cannon.

Vienna, *Jan* 6. There can be no greater diligence used than there is in making the preparations for the next Campagne. The Chamber of the Finances has setled the Fonds that are necessary for that Service. And the Pope's Nuncio has caused a considerable Sum of Money to be paid to the Count *de Rabata*, Commissary General of the Imperial Army, towards the providing of Magazines in *Hungary*. We have a Confirmation of the Victory lately obtained by the *Imperialists* near *Arach*; *Peterhasi*, who abandoned the Rebels and returned to his Obedience to the Emperor upon *Teckeley*'s being made a Prisoner at *Great Waradin*, did in this occasion very gallantly behave himself with the *Hungarians* under his Command; He gave the first Notice to the Baron *de Mercy* and Colonel *Heusler*, who were then at *Zolnock*, that the *Turks* were drawing together their best Troops, and that their design was to conduct a great Convoy which had been provided in *Transilvania* to *Gyula*, and afterwards, being reinforced with other Troops from *Sigeth*, *Hatwan*, *Agria*, and *Buda*, to attack the *Imperialists* in their Winter-quarters, upon which General *Mercy* assembled with all the haste he could 2000 Imperial Horse, and 1000 Dragoons, and having joined with 3000 *Hungarians* under the Orders of the said *Peterhasi*, fell upon the *Turks*, who exceeded the Christians in number, and defeated them, as you have been already told; *Arach*, which the *Imperialists* took afterwards, is a Town, or rather a great Castle on the River *Maros*, which by the means of a Bridge that is there over that River, kept a Communication between *Temiswaer* and *Gyula*; The *Imperialists* took the whole Convoy abovementioned, with all the Horses belonging to it, and 11 Colours, with 3 Kettle-Drums; The Sieur *de Bassompierre*, Lieutenant Colonel to the Baron *de Mercy*, who arrived here the 4th instant, has presented to the Emperor a very rich Cimeter which he took in this Action; He assures us, that of the Enemy there were 700 slain on the place of Fight, and above double that number in the pursuit and at *Arach*, and that they took 200 Prisoners; on our side there were killed about 300 *Hungarians*, and 100 *Germans*. The Count *d'Erdeudi*, Viceroy of *Croatia*, is expected here the next week, to receive the Emperor's Orders about putting the Militia of that Countrey into such a posture as may render them most serviceable the next Campagne. The Baggage of the Ambassadors that are coming from the Prince of *Transilvania*, arrived here last Thursday, and they themselves are expected in few days.

Ratisbonne, *Jan.* 12. It is confirmed as well from *Dresden* and *Berlin*, as *Vienna*, that the Electors of *Saxony* and *Brandenburgh* have obliged themselves by the Treaties they have lately concluded with the Emperor, to assist his Imperial Majesty with considerable Bodies of Men against the *Turks*. The Elector of *Bavaria* makes great preparations for the Campagne, and continues resolved to command his Forces in Person. The last Letters from *Vienna* told us, that the Duke of *Lorrain* is expected there in *February*, and that it's believed he will be going for *Hungary* towards the end of *March*, where in the mean time all things are preparing for an early Campagne. There are Letters from the Court of *Poland* of the 19th of the last Month, which say that the *Turks* had made Proposals of Peace to that King, whereby they offer to restore the *Ukraine*, and the Province of *Podolia*, and to give him a considerable Sum of Money besides for the charges of the War; but that they would not restore *Caminiec*, because the Grand Signior was in person at the taking of it. The Advices we have from the *Turkish* Territories are very uncertain; the last told us, that the Serasquier who commanded the *Ottoman* Army in *Hungary* had been strangled, with several other eminent Officers, by Order of the Grand Signior; and that the *Turks* will have great Armies in the Field the next Summer.

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